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July 24, 2013

To: 2013 Kentucky Legislature Interim Joint Committee on Education; Kentucky Department of Education

From: Kentucky Science Teachers Association (KSTA) Board of Directors

Re: Support for adoption of Next Generation Science Standards as presented

The Kentucky Science Teachers Association (KSTA) is a professional organization of approximately 800 members widely distributed throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky. KSTA members include pre K-12 science teachers, science supervisors, principals, department heads in public, independent, and parochial schools; science and education departments of colleges and universities, and school and university libraries. We, the Board of Directors, are elected from among the membership to represent the best interests of the membership.

The KSTA Board of Directors supports the adoption of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) in its entirety as presented by the distinguished national task force who guided the process. The extensive development process involving multiple nationally-distinguished science and science education agencies in collaboration with teams of highly-qualified individuals from 26 states, including Kentucky, has resulted in a high-quality set of standards to guide the future science education of Kentucky's students. As representatives of preK-12 science teachers statewide – the group of individuals whose work is most directly affected by the implementation of NGSS – we recognize and applaud the sound science and the sound pedagogical elements of NGSS. We recognize these standards as rigorous and high quality, and are confident that implementation of these standards as presented will support the development of Kentucky's students to be scientifically literate citizens of the 21st century, ready for college and career.

Submitted by the Executive Board of KSTA Board of Directors.

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